

UK Delegate's item for AOB at the 2009 CIMA Plenary

CIMA's internet presence

As delegates will know, the only internet presence CIMA has is <http://www.fai.org/microlight> and this is rather thin on content and not updated very often.

There is also the mailing list cima-com-l@fai.org which by today's standards is rather unusual by not being accessible in a browser so unless people keep old correspondence there is no archive and new delegates do not have a simple way to review past correspondence.

Some people have taken this lack of content into their own hands and publish CIMA related information on their own websites, you are all familiar with the S10 proposals at www.flymicro.com/cima09 and the various championship websites eg www.wmc2009.cz or www.wpc2009.cz

It would be much better if CIMA had its own website, but who would maintain it? The simple answer is it should be self-maintaining in the form of a WIKI where in most cases all delegates have the ability to edit pages.

Jose Luis Esteban (ESP Delegate) is a leading advocate of WIKIs in the workplace and will explain to the plenary his experience of how it works and some of the possibilities.

Essentially what CIMA needs is a web server somewhere which can run the WIKI and which also could be used as a repository for other useful stuff such as old championships websites which usually disappear once their domain has expired, useful documents attached to plenary meeting minutes, whilst available from the main FAI site, are deeply buried in archive files, and so on.

The fact that almost anything will be better than what we have now means that we have nothing to lose, but how would it work, and how much might it cost?

In terms of cost, the server could be as little as £30 - £50 (33€ - 55€) per year, plus a domain (peanuts).

As a point of principle, there are number of servers supporting CIVL projects that are hosted outside the FAI hosting service so there's no reason why CIMA can't do the same thing.

<http://civlrankings.fai.org> is hosting the database of competition, pilots and results. With WPRS system as a product of the databases.

<http://fs.fai.org> is hosting FS the competition and flight verification system free for all

<http://wxc.fai.org> is hosting World Online XC contest of CIVL. It collects data from national online contests and is a worldwide online contest. The flights are synchronised automatically so the pilot only claims his flight at his local contest, and it automatically is claimed to the CIVL WXC.

Proposal

That CIMA tasks a working group to investigate the best way of achieving a better CIMA online presence, and gives it the authority to spend up to 250€ in establishing the initial site for delegates review and use.

If Delegates and FAI secretariat are happy with it, for it to be added to the FAI domain eg as <http://cima.fai.org>